

## Westwood Environmental Advisory Committee

Monday April 25, 2011

Approved Minutes



**Attending:** Chris Balfe, Christine Blaney, Kevin Brennan,  
Gregory Mountain (*Sec 'ty*), Michael Pessolano,  
Michael Ruane (*Chair*), Cindy Waneck

**Regrets:** Yash Risbud

Ruane called mtg to order at 7:40pm

Minutes of previous mtg approved + seconded

### Community Garden Sites (Blaney, Waneck)

Bird Sanctuary

"Overbrook Park" along banks of brook parallel to Westwood Ave  
probably insufficient light + too wet

directly behind St Andrew's Church on Washington Ave  
occasionally used as sports field; approx 100 ft x 400 ft  
start-up costs

could include fencing, tilling, 2 x 4's

Waneck to ask Church if would consider; if yes, Waneck to prepare costs

Brennan mentioned in other gardens such costs borne by volunteers

### PSEG Solar4All (Balfe)

Balfe spoke with PSEG spokesperson Lish

unclear reply to query "are you finished putting up PV panels in Westwood?"

PSEG has been installing panels for > 1 year, just now getting to Bergen Cty

Waneck favors installations, but thinks Boro should have input wrt locations

EnCom postponed further discussion to next mtg

### Rain Barrels

discussed suggestion from previous mtg to install at Boro Hall

at least 4 barrels at cnrs of bldg; could use more

once installed would shut off part of existing in-lawn sprinkler system

Pessolano inquired about Bergen SWANS

(Save the Watershed Action Network) (<http://www.bergenswan.org>)

could we learn how they do outreach / can they help us with rain barrels?

Mayor was present for few minutes' discussion + provided contact name at BCUA

Bergen County Utilities Authority (<http://www.bcua.org>)

EnCom agreed barrel display at WW Pride Day w/b effective

discussion followed wrt how many, what kind

2 ea at \$59, \$99 were ordered, managed by Waneck

**Stream Turbine** (Blaney for Risbud)

more answers still needed wrt to permits required prior to installation  
we may need individual permit requiring 90d review period, ~\$1K fees  
it may help to ask / hire engineer familiar with permitting  
Pessolano: could Clean Air / Cool Planet (<http://www.cleanair-coolplanet.org>) provide help?

**Thermal Camera** (Ruane)

wait until Fall; Waneck to contact Fire Chief

**Pride Day 2011** - Sunday May 22

Ruane to provide tent as last year  
recycling theme bags, hand-outs to be provided similar to last year  
petition regarding PV panel issue  
DEP colleague of Blaney's will provide active watershed model  
Blaney to circulate 2010 Green Pledge, revise as needed + have printed copies on hand

**New Business** (Balfe)

residents need good info re: yes/no acceptable recyclable items  
Waneck to seek advice from Rick Woods + distribute

Next mtg: May16

Mtg adjourned 9:10pm